Mary's Life History

Mary Ann was born on September 21, 1952, in Homer, Louisiana. She was the tenth of 13 children born to Maggie Lou and Lester Bullock. Mary Ann attended Mayfield High School and Mt. Dillard CME Church in Louisiana before the family moved to Richmond, California in 1965. In California, Mary attended Downer Junior High School and graduated from Richmond High School.

On October 5, 1974, Mary married Sampson Reed Jr. Mary and Sampson are the parents of three children: Ezekiel Jay (EJ) Latimore, Nikkii Velencia Reed (deceased) and Sampson Reed III.

Mary Ann was an active member of St. Peter CME, New Gethsemane COGIC, and Power House COGIC, before settling at New Life Christian Assembly where she was a minister in training, a choir member, office manager, and a member of the Board of Directors.

Mary leaves a large contingent of loved ones to celebrate her life and homegoing: Husband—Sampson Reed Jr.; Sons—EJ Latimore and Sampson Reed III; Parents—Maggie Lou and Lester Bullock; Brothers—Jethro, David, Samuel, and Matthew Bullock; Sisters—Bobbie Wilbert, Azzie Turner, Levenia (Bena) Stephens, Marethia (Rita) Davis, Frances Pace, Vicki Lewis; Three granddaughters—Tamisha and Lateefah Latimore, and Jasmine Reed; Loving and caring in-laws, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. Also preceding Mary in death was her sister, Betty Jean Bullock, and brother, Lester Bullock Jr.

CELEBRATION OF HOMEGOING

Mary Ann Bullock Reed

September 21, 1952 - December 26, 1999

Service of Honor

Prelude ..... Organist
Processional ..... The Family
Prayer ..... Elder Lawrence P. Lakey
Song ..... Beverly Muccular
Expressions (2 min. please) ..... Co-workers
..... Church Members
..... Family
Acknowledgments ..... La'Ruth Morning
Resolution ..... Revonda Williams
Song ..... Vodie & Pat Muccular
Mary's Special Request ..... Minister Gary Muccular
Mary's Life History ..... Pastor Don T. Jones
Tribute ..... Pastor Don T. Jones
Recessional and Postlude

The Interment - Rolling Hills Memorial Park
4100 Hilltop Drive - Richmond, CA

My Sister, My Friend

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember making mud pies
from the clean white sand.
Remember shaping stick dolls
and getting splinters in our hands.

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember walking to school together
in the rain, the wind, the cold.
Remember you were so skinny
the wind blew you into the pole.

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember when we were teenagers
we'd stay up talking all night.
We would laugh and share stories
until the break of sunlight.

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember when Sampson went to the Army,
we wanted him to think of you.
Remember pictures of you we sent him.
Remember the pictures, ooohhh!

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember when I told you
about the hurt I'd gone through,
You comforted me by telling me
things you'd gone through too.

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember we shared our thoughts
about things in life we wanted to do.
Remember I told you things about me
and you told me things about you.

Do you remember when, my sister, my friend...

Remember, I'll never forget you.
I love you more than life.
Remember we'll be friends and sisters
in our next heavenly life.

Then we can both remember when, my sister, my friend.

With Love,
Your Sister, Frances

MARY

You Are More To Us
Than A Fellow Co-Worker
A Desk Mate
And
A Warm Smile
You Are Our Special Friend
And
A Living Example
Of God's Love And Character
We Have Watched You
Come To Work
Even When You Are In Pain
We Have Watched You
Give Your Clients Undivided Attention
Even When You Were Having
A Hard Time With Your Medication
We Have Watched You
As You Never Complained
About Your Discomfort
While Your Clients And Many Of Us
Complained About The Small Things
We Have Watched You
And You Showed Us
Loving Kindness
Strength
Courage
Going The Extra Mile
Long Suffering
And Never Giving Up
Always Hoping
Trusting
And Resting In God
We Love And Appreciate You

-Mary's Solano County Co-Workers

GLIMPSES

Long pigtails, always that mischievous smile
— big bright eyes
always knowing you are loved.
We joyously spoil you so.

Suddenly you're a "teen"
— tall and lean - - so uninhibited
so beautiful - - so in love with life.
You dance, your movements so fluid;
You laugh - - throwing back your head,
emitting sounds of unadulterated joy.

You give back love in the joy you bring to us
— your family, your friends.
Daughter, sister, wife, mother - - and
can it be? The little girl in pigtails - - a grandmother?
Through the ups and downs of it all
nothing dampens your spirit.

Amidst the pain there is the joy of memories,
yesterday, today, and tomorrow
for you are eternal in the hearts of those who love you.
So strong of faith - - so positive, so giving.
You know what we don't know.
Thank you for the gifts tomorrow.

You still dance
— you still throw back your head and laugh.
There is still mischief in your eyes and in your smile
yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

-To my little sister, Mary
Love, Honey

Family Reflections

I love you.
- Sam

You are my inspiration.
- Frances

O' that laugh! So joyous---So free that it must come from a joy deep within your soul. Thank you for sharing the laughter and the joy.
- Honey

I will always remember your smile and your laugh.
-Bena

Mary... A pillar of strength and faith. We love you.
- Matt, Sonya, Mike, Matthew

I will miss your magnificent sense of humor (you so crazy) and the fun we had playing Guesstures and all those other games that you and Dione always seemed to win. Love you!
- Rita

Mary, I always hoped my life would turn out as well as yours did; however, as long as I keep God the head of my life, I'm in a win-win situation. I won't complain. Love you,
- Muriel

Love you and miss you.
- Dione and William

A very courageous woman you are! I really envy you for your courage, your will, but most of all, your strong faith in God. Your broad laughter and quick witty humor, though sometimes a little corny, is the substance that makes you who you are (A Bullock). I LOVE YOU!!! - DB

There are so many things to remember about you...that brilliant smile, your zest for life... but most of all, your secure belief in God and a trusting acceptance of His will.
- Bob

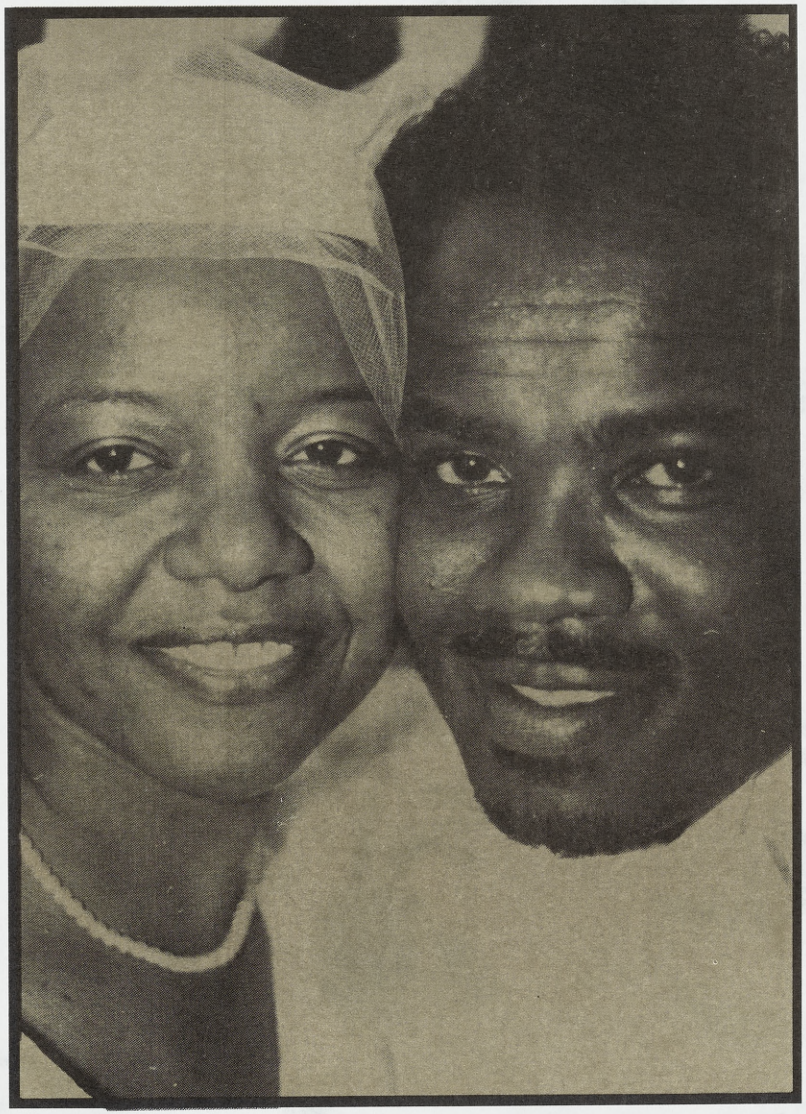
Mary... You are too nice to be forgotten.
Love,
- Vicki/Claude/Maurice/Imani

Mary was a very positive and loving person. I will always remember the love she had for me.
- Hattie

Mary Ann: You are more than just my sister-in-law, you became my very best friend. I love you with my whole heart.
- Chanda

I thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful person in my life for me and my daughter. I couldn't have asked for a better grandmother for Tamisha.
- Sharyl

Your courage and faith has been an inspiration to us all.
- Ted



ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Kenneth Green
Sean Wilkes
James Lastrap
Rodrick Young
Tracy Green
Larry Cooks

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

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Samuel Bullock
Ted Turner
Claude Lewis
David Bullock
Matthew Bullock
Rabon Wilbert
Dale Benjamin

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